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- 1. EMBASSY RECEIVED TWO TELEGRAMS (REFTELS A AND B) LAST SUMMER PROVIDING FIGURES FOR IMPORT INTO THE U.S. OF THAI ZINC ORE. THE VALUES FOR 1974 AND 1975 IMPORTS STATED IN THE TWO CABLES DIFFER AND REFTEL B SHOWED IMPORTS IN AUGUST 1975 (NOT INCLUDED IN REFTEL A) OF 50,285,974 CONTENT POUNDS VALUED AT 5,171,625 DOLLARS.
- 2. ACCORDING TO THE THAI ZINC COMPANY, THE ONLY EXPORTER OF ZINC ORE TO THE U.S. FROM THAILAND, ITS EXPORTS TO THE U.S. TOTALED 28,566.46 METRIC TONS OF ZINC ORE CONCENTRATE IN FOUR SHIPMENTS ALL DURING 1974. THIS AMOUNT DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE TOTALS IN REFTELS A OR B.
- 3. SINCE THAI ZINC COMPANY HAS TO GIVE EVIDENCE TO THE RTG THAT

TS EXPORTS TO THE U.S. APPROXIMATED 28,500 METRIC TONS OF ZINC ORE CONCENTRATE, IT HAS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT CHECK WITH LAVINO SHIPPING CO. (3 PENN CENTER PLAZA, PHILADELPHIA, PA.) WHICH HANDLED ALL OF THAI ZINC'S SHIPMENTS TO THE U.S. TO OBTAIN ITS FIGURES AS TO THE TOTAL TONAGE OR POUNDAGE OF ORE EXPORTED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO THE U.S. FROM THAILAND.

4. WE ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD REQUEST THE CENSUS BUREAU TO RECHECK ITS FIGURES IN ORDER TO RECONCILE THE DISCREPANCIES IN THE TWO REFTELS.
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